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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests issuance of a Certificate of Correction in connection with U.S. Patent No. 7,160,498. The error indicated on the enclosed form SB/44 occurred because Claim 55 of the printed patent differs from that which was allowed.

As indicated in the Notice of Allowability, Claim 55 (which was originally Claim 111) was amended during an examiner-initiated interview on August 25, 2006. During that interview, Applicant and Examiner agreed to add the language "applying resin to the fiber lay up" on a new line after line 6.

However, as Claim 55 was printed in the patent, the language "applying resin to the fiber lay up" was not added as a separate limitation on a new line following line 6. Rather, this language was added as part of the previous limitation beginning on line 6. Claim 55 should read as set forth on the enclosed form SB/44.

Because the error was made by the Patent and Trademark Office, no fee is submitted herewith. In the alternative, if it is determined that this mistake occurred through the fault of Applicant, Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to deduct the appropriate fees from Deposit Account No. 11-0160.

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

**In Claim 55, the language “applying resin to the fiber lay up” was not added on a new line.
Claim 55 should correctly read as follows:**

55. A process involving a closed molding tooling technique to form a fiber-reinforced composite part against a base mold with a flexible body structure having an interfacing surface upon which at least one resin distribution channel and at least one vacuum distribution channel are formed and extend thereacross, and at least one perimeter seal, the process comprising:

- placing a fiber lay up on the base mold;
- applying resin to the fiber lay up;
- moving the body structure onto the base mold such that the fiber lay up is covered by the interfacing surface of the body, thereby forming an enclosed space between the body structure and the base mold, the fiber lay up being located in the enclosed space; and
- drawing a first vacuum at said perimeter seal to cause said perimeter seal to sealingly engage the base mold; and
- drawing a second vacuum independent from said first vacuum through said enclosed space thereby urging the resin to travel through the resin distribution channel and across and through the fiber lay up generally in the direction of the second vacuum draw to thereby form the composite part upon curing.

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